

SNAKE POND (Sandwich)

General Information:

This 83-acre natural kettlehole pond has an average depth of 15 feet and a maximum depth of 33 feet. Transparency is excellent, extending to 22 feet, and aquatic vegetation is common, although with the exception of near-shore areas, most of it is submergent. The bottom is composed of sand and rubble.

Access to the pond is provided by a town right-of-way, which includes a launching ramp suitable for light trailer craft, car top boats and canoes. The parking lot is small and can handle approximately five vehicles. To get there, take Route 130 south from Route 6 for approximately 4.5 miles. Take a right on Snake Pond Road (Snake Pond Road is Pimlico Pond Road on the other side of Route 130). The access is on the right, just off the road on the south end of the pond.

This pond was treated with 14 tons of agricultural limestone in 1991 to counteract the effects of increasing acidity.

Fish Populations:

Although more recent sampling operations have been carried out, the latest that we currently have data for was conducted in 1979. Eight species were recorded present at that time: chain pickerel, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, white perch, yellow perch, white sucker and brown bullhead.

Fishing:

There is insufficient data at this time to offer much in the way of fishing tips. While this pond once supported a smallmouth bass population, it was apparently lost (perhaps due to acid conditions) during the 1970s. Best bets that remain are the yellow perch and pickerel. With the lime treatment and an apparently huge forage base, this pond may again regain its reputation for producing big pickerel and plenty of perch. It was long known for producing good ice fishing action.